

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed September 14, 2005, claims 1-77, 104-105 and 107-108 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of US patent 6,258,577 in view of US patent 6,277,337. Claims 1-77, 104-105 and 107-108 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 and 31-18 of copending application 10/357,599 in view of US patent 6,277,337. Claims 78-103 and 106 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 12-30 of copending application 10/357,599 in view of US patent 6,277,337.

Response to rejections

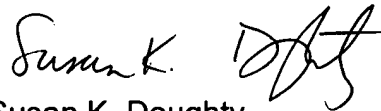
Applicant does not agree with or concede to the Examiner's reasoning regarding maintaining the double patenting rejections. However, solely to advance prosecution, enclosed are terminal disclaimers over US patent 6,258,577 and US patent 6,277,337, and US patent 6,843,961 (issued patent for application 10/357,599). These terminal disclaimers should overcome the rejections. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above arguments and submissions, it is believed that all rejections are overcome. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections is respectfully requested. If there are any issues remaining to allowance of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned.

This response is accompanied by the fee of \$390.00 for three terminal disclaimers. If the amount submitted is incorrect however, please charge any fees required, including any extensions of time required, to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,



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